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The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

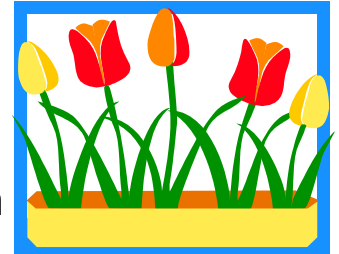
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May Flowers

May is National Electrical Safety Month



According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), statistics indicate that 40,000 residential fires annually are caused by problems with electrical wiring systems, claiming more than 180 lives and injuring 1,400 victims.

Consumers should check for problems with their home electrical systems, including outlets and extension cords to make sure they aren't overloaded. Examine electrical cords to make sure they aren't frayed, damaged, or placed under rugs or carpets. Make sure that proper wattage light bulbs are being used in light fixtures and lamps. Consider installing ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). One of the most important precautions consumers can take is to test their smoke detectors and replace smoke detector batteries semi-annually.

Be aware of what is in your home. Halogen floor lamps operate at much higher temperatures than standard incandescent light bulbs. Never place a halogen floor lamp where it could come in contact with draperies, clothing or other combustible materials. Be sure to turn the lamp off whenever you leave the room for an extended period of time, and never use torchiere lamps in children's bedrooms or playrooms.

Metal guards are now available for all halogen torchiere lamps. The National Electrical Safety Foundation (NESF) reports that free wire guards are available at: Ames, B.J.'s Wholesale Club, Home Base, Home Depot, Home Quarters, Ikea, Kmart, Lowes, Office Depot, Target, or Walmart.

The NESF also reports that you can obtain a wire guard by writing to: Dana Lighting, 55 Norfolk Avenue, Easton, MA 02375, Attn: Consumer Services. Please include your name, address, and number of guards needed. It will take approximately 8–10 weeks for delivery.

You can get a free Home Electrical Safety Check booklet by sending a self-addressed, 55 cent stamped #10 envelope to: *National Electrical Safety Foundation*, 1300 North 17th Street, Suite 1847, Rosslyn, VA 22209. Or you can receive other tips at the NESF website: www.nesf.org.

As always, if you have any questions, you can contact your electrical department at 866-9271. This is another service provided to you from your public power utility.



Honor Our Veterans.
Enjoy the Celebrations
Of
Freedom!

Upcoming Events

- May 14 Commission Meeting 7:00
Eunice Van Zilen Room
- May 20 Memorial Service
Shea/Magrath Memorial 3:00
- May 28 Memorial Day
- June 11 Commission Meeting 7:00
Eunice Van Zilen Room
- June 13 East Norwalk Beautification Committee Meeting 7:30
East Norwalk Library

East Norwalk Beautification Committee

One of the busiest and most successful committees in town is the East Norwalk Beautification Committee. Chaired by Michele Beyman, the meetings are well attended and lively. There is always another spot in East Norwalk that committee members look to improve.



The recipient of a Pride In Norwalk award for promoting the improvement by the Gardella family at Cove Marina, the committee has restored pride in our community. Another example is the well documented progress toward removal of the former Howard Johnson's. Small projects are also on the committee's agenda: cleanups of the islands on Fitch and Marvin Streets, restoring the landscaping at the railroad overpasses, and excess brush accumulation. The committee promotes the beauty that is East Norwalk. Come to a meeting. Bring your ideas about areas in the District that you feel need attention. When we all join in, the projects become manageable.

East Norwalk Youth Excels in Art Program

Congratulations to Shayna Feinstein, daughter of Bonnie and Stephen Feinstein of Ludlow Manor. Shayna's painting "Windows- - A Look Into Our Lives" was selected to be presented in international competition by Creative Connections. The show begins May 10, 2001. The art from children around the world will be displayed at the Stamford Center for the Arts.

Norwalk Education Foundation Golf Classic

The Norwalk Education Foundation (NEF) Third Annual Golf Classic will take place Monday, June 18th at The Shorehaven Golf Club in East Norwalk.

Registration begins at 11 am, with buffet lunch at 11:30. The driving range and putting green will open at 11:30 am. The fee for the day is \$250 per person. Tee signs are available for \$150.

GE returns as the Gold Sponsor of the event and Global Recruitment Specialists as a Bronze Sponsor. Gold sponsorships for

\$5,000, Silver sponsorships for \$2,500 and Bronze sponsorships for \$1,500 are being solicited.

The new Norwalk Schools Superintendent, Sal Corda, will be playing. Student golfers from each high school golf team will also compete.

The Norwalk Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization committed to high quality public education for all of Norwalk's children. Proceeds from the Golf Classic support NEF grants.

Deregulation News

Maintain Funding For Efficiency Programs, Says APPA (American Public Power Assn)

As Reported in the April 4, 2001 edition of the Public Power Daily: Federal programs aimed at encouraging the public and private sectors to use efficient energy and environmentally friendly technologies must receive adequate fiscal year 2002 funding. APPA told lawmakers on Tuesday. (April 3, 2001). In a statement to the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees, the association said funding levels should be maintained for the following programs:

- z The Clean Air Partnership Fund, which helps finance environmental technologies and programs. The fund could be an "incentive available to locally owned, not-for-profit electric utilities to make new investments in renewable and clean

energy projects," the association said;

- z The Green Lights Program, which encourages energy-efficient lighting.
- z The Energy Star programs sponsored by the EPA, which encourage public and private partnerships to promote energy-efficient technologies; and
- z The Methane Outreach Program, which encourages utilities to use landfill gas as an energy source. The EPA provides technical assistance to those who participate in the program.

APPA also supported funding the Council on Environmental Quality at \$3 million, which ensures the council's ability to make sure that federal agencies perform their tasks in an efficient and coordinated manner.